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MEMORANDUM FOR : Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Formation of a Space Intelligence Panel

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation for your approval. The recommendation is contained in paragraph 3.

2. Based on our several discussions of the need for a Space Intelligence Panel, I have prepared a plan for formation of this group which is attached to this memorandum. The general plan is similar to that used for the Strategic Weapons Intelligence Panel but has been modified to require a written report after each meeting.

3. I recommend your approval of the plan and that we immediately establish the Space Intelligence Panel.



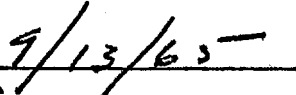
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Attachment
Space Intelligence Panel

The recommendation contained in paragraph 3 is APPROVED:


Director of Central Intelligence


Date 9/13/65

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SPACE INTELLIGENCE PANEL

I Functions

The Space Intelligence Panel will be constituted as an advisory body to the Director of Central Intelligence and will as appropriate review intelligence on foreign space programs. They will consider at least the following specific subjects:

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Manned space program
Lunar and interplanetary activity
Meteorological, and scientific payloads
Programs with potential military significance (i.e., communications reconnaissance, orbital bombardment, navigation, etc.)
Overall capability for future space efforts including launch vehicles, launch facilities, tracking and communications networks and, reentry and recovery developments

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Status of and capability for space programs in all other countries

The Panel will:

Review and make recommendations regarding judgments made by the Intelligence Community on available intelligence
Evaluate and recommend improvements in analytical techniques
Evaluate and recommend changes in the U. S. Space Collection Programs
Evaluate trends in foreign space programs and recommend changes in intelligence methods required to keep abreast of foreign developments
Accomplish detailed review of specific space intelligence problems (i.e., most likely date by which a given accomplishment will be achieved) as requested by the DCI

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II Method of Operation

The Panel should meet at least twice a year with one of these meetings scheduled just prior to USIB action on NIE 11-1. The second meeting should be used primarily for review of new information and the consideration of at least one specific intelligence problem. One or more additional meetings per year may be called at the request of the DCI or the Panel chairman if highly significant new space intelligence becomes available or if the pace of foreign space activity is significantly increased. The meeting which is directly associated with National Intelligence Estimates will be held at CIA Headquarters but the other meeting or meetings may be held outside the Washington area should this be desired by the Panel chairman.

At the conclusion of each meeting, the Panel will summarize their significant findings and recommendations in a written report to the DCI. This report will normally be augmented by a verbal discussion with the DCI and as appropriate with the USIB. A representative of the DCI will prepare a written record of the verbal discussions and after approval by the Panel chairman it may be distributed to USIB members.

The DCI will select an appropriate CIA official who will be responsible for all administrative support to the Panel. This official will, in coordination with the chairman, prepare an agenda for each meeting and arrange for necessary briefings and background material. Representatives of USIB member agencies may be requested to brief the Panel on subjects within their competence, particularly when there are differences of opinion within the Intelligence Community. Arrangements for non-CIA briefings or participation will be accomplished through the Guided Missile and Astronautics Intelligence Committee.

Since the Strategic Weapons Intelligence Panel (SWIP) has been requested to consider space systems of potential military significance, it is recognized that some degree of overlap between SWIP and the Space Panel may occur. The DCI representatives responsible for the two panels will assure that each group is advised as to the others activities and will set up procedures for required coordination.

III Membership

Members will be selected from industry, educational institutions,

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NASA, and the military departments. A member will normally be requested to serve for a period of three years. However, in the initial selection some members will be requested to serve only two years and others for four years so that there will be no complete change over of membership in any one year. Once a continuity pattern has been established no member will be requested to serve more than three years but may be reappointed if desired. Each member will be requested to participate as an individual and none will be considered as a representative of any element of the Intelligence Community or other government agency. In addition to the regular membership a few individuals may be requested to serve on an ad hoc basis by mutual consent of the Panel chairman and the DCI.

Subject to security approval and willingness to serve, the following members are recommended for appointment to the Panel for the periods indicated:

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Chairman, Dr. Simon Ramo
Bunker-Ramo Corp.

Prof. H. Guyford Stever
Carnegie Institute of Technology

2 yrs.

Dr. Joseph F. Shea
NASA

4 yrs.

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Dr. Raymond Lewis Bisplinghoff
NASA

4 yrs.

Dr. William H. Pickering
Jet Propulsion Laboratory

3 yrs.

Dr. Werner Kirchner
Aerojet General Corp.

2 yrs.

Brig. Gen. Harry Evans
Department of Air Force

2 yrs.

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Dr. Benjamin P. Blasingame
General Motors Corp.

3 yrs.

Mr. Allen F. Donovan
Aerospace Corp.

4 yrs.

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